

Description of Data:

The data is from the California Safe Cosmetics Program (CSCP) in the California Department of Public Health. The primary purpose of the CSCP is to collect information on hazardous and potentially hazardous ingredients in cosmetic products sold in California and to make this information available to the public.

Many different chemicals are used in making cosmetics. Consumer and worker advocacy groups are concerned because some cosmetic products contain chemicals known or suspected to cause cancer, birth defects, or damage to the reproductive system. Those who work with cosmetics - including barbers, hair stylists, and skin care, body care and nail salon workers - may be more vulnerable to the adverse health effects posed by these products because they handle greater quantities of cosmetics with greater frequency.

The California Safe Cosmetics Act ("the Act") was signed into law in 2005. For all cosmetic products sold in California, the Act requires the manufacturer, packer, and/or distributor named on the product label to provide to the CSCP a list of all cosmetic products that contain any ingredients known or suspected to cause cancer, birth defects, or other developmental or reproductive harm. The CSCP maintains a list of "reportable" ingredients. Companies with reportable ingredients in their products must submit information to the California Safe Cosmetics Program if the company:

- Has annual aggregate sales of cosmetic products of one million dollars or more, and
- Has sold cosmetic products in California on or after January 1, 2007.

The CSCP maintains an online reporting system for companies to report products and reportable ingredients. The data reflect information that has been reported to the CSCP. All products containing carcinogens or developmental or reproductive toxicants may not be included, due to companies failing to report.

The CSCP maintains a publicly-available searchable database of product ingredient information submitted by companies. The searchable database is located online at:

<https://safecosmetics.cdph.ca.gov/search/>

For more information and resources, see the CSCP webpage online at:

<http://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/cosmetics/Pages/default.aspx>